

Given the seriousness of the issue and the need of citizens in a democracy to have full access to a variety of points of view or information, please delay your decision to deregulate the media or reconsider before permitting further consolidation of the industry. A monopoly of TV, radio or newspapers in a given market not only limit the perspectives on any given issue but also the stories which are covered. Communities also need access to information on local issues and the concentration of media power in some areas has already deprived those communities of local programming. This issue is so important that more public hearings and debates are absolutely necessary. Please delay dropping regulations designed to prevent media monopoly in national, state or local markets. Thank you for your time and consideration.